

### Danes Forced Into Axis Pact Against Will

C. W. Hanson, secretary of Pacific Lodge No. 329, Danish Brotherhood, is in receipt of a letter from Henry De Kauffmann, Minister to the United States from Denmark. The letter, of interest to all people of Danish descent as well as all other citizens, follows:

"It is with a feeling of shame and sorrow that we Danes abroad have received the news that the Danish government has been forced to join the Anti-Comintern Pact.

"Although we are well aware that the government of Copenhagen has enjoyed no freedom of action since the occupation of Denmark, and that the Pact was signed only under the severest pressure and against the true will of her King and the Danish people, we feel severely stricken, because we know that the Pact in reality is directed not only against Communism but also against the democratic powers which are fighting for the liberation of the world from tyranny and thereby also for the restoration of Denmark's freedom.

"Free Danes have been pleased to learn that, in spite of all, the true Danish feelings could not be restrained in Copenhagen and we are convinced that Danish men and women will never allow themselves to be forced to fight side by side with their oppressors."

De Kauffmann has been ordered deprived of his portfolio because of his attitude and actions in the Toiland-United States pact but he has received, according to word received by the Danish lodge, favorable commendations and support from all free Danes and Danish-Americans.

As a diversion, King Gustaf V of Sweden does embroidery work and makes presents of his handiwork to members of his family.

### Send the Boys The Paper When You Are Thru

When you have read this copy of the home-town paper, why not put a wrapper and a 3-cent stamp on it and mail it to a boy in the service? It is a little thing to do—it can mean much to a brave and determined boy who is also lonely and homesick.

### NEW GUARD UNIT BEING ORGANIZED

Do you want to join a Torrance-Gardena company of the California State Guard?

In addition to openings with the cavalry troop of Company H, which drills in Redondo Beach and the Lomita Company which meets in that community Wednesday nights, a new company is being formed in this district by George T. Beard of Gardena.

This unit was authorized late last week by Lt. Col. C. S. Smith of the Sixth Infantry, C. S. G., and will consist of 95 to 150 men. Applications for enlistment are now being accepted by The Herald at 1336 El Prado, Gardena Valley Chamber of Commerce, 16420 South Vermont ave. and at 16314 South Vermont ave. in Gardena.

### Council Files Offer of Cheaper Equipment

Because the city ordered the purchase of a generator, costing approximately \$1,500, to give emergency power service here in event of an air raid, the offer of the Fisher Research laboratory to supply emergency transmitter power from a six-volt storage battery generator for the police radio at a cost from \$110 to \$250 was filed by the city council Tuesday night.

### Filipino Film Stars Do Part



Filipino movie stars are doing their part to cheer territorial and mainland troops in war against Japan. These pictures, last to leave Manila before war, show (top) Esther Maglona (daughter of socially prominent Filipino family) and Deanna Prieto chatting with Lieut. Col. Doyle. Milla del Sol is shown, ready to trip light fantastic with Lieutenant Jerry Toth. Manila has thriving movie industry.

### Japanese-American Girls Join Red Cross to Make Dresses

At a meeting sponsored by the Japanese-American Citizens League and held at the home of Jack Finn, 1720 252nd st., Tuesday night, 24 young Japanese-American girls joined the American Red Cross and indicated

they would start making dresses next Saturday afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock. The workshop will be located in Kay's Dress shop on Narbonne ave., whose owner has offered the free use of all her facilities.

Robert Ueda had offered to equip his building at 24702 Narbonne ave., with tables, chairs and provide free light, water and gas for the workshop.

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### Vets' Position in War Crisis Told by Wilkes

Ready and willing but unenclosed as yet is the position of the Torrance ex-service men's organizations, according to the following letter received by The Herald yesterday from James R. Wilkes, 2463 Carson st., member of Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 of the American Legion:

"News sometimes travels slow and it was just mentioned to me the latter part of last week that some of our good citizens were concerned over the fact that the ex-service men's organizations were not active during our recent crisis. These good folks who were concerned are well within their rights to question why, because we service men also are wondering why.

"For the benefit of those who are apt to jump at conclusions, and criticize the World War I veteran organizations for apparent laxity, let me point out a few things which might clarify the situation.

**Not Needed Yet**  
"FIRST: To my knowledge, the set-up of the present Civilian Defense organization has not provided a job for the veteran's organizations to do. Therefore, to quote Mayor McGuire in a recent talk: 'What to do?'

"SECOND: On Monday, Dec. 8, Commander Larava of Post No. 170 American Legion, (and I have no doubt that Commander Stanley of the Veterans of Foreign War's local post did likewise) offered the services of the Bert S. Crossland Post of the American Legion in any capacity to the city of Torrance. The police authorities, while very appreciative, stated they did not need us at the present time, but would notify us if the need did arise.

"THIRD: We wish to call attention to the fact that our Legion hall is in ruins due to the recent earthquake, and condemned against any use whatsoever. We wish it known that had our hall been usable, Bert S. Crossland Post would have

mobilized under the emergency provisions of our Disaster and Relief program, and taken over certain duties that would not interfere with the local police system.

"We reiterate that we stand

ready to serve in any capacity and we believe that the Civilian Defense set-up should immediately take steps to provide a place and prescribe duties for the ex-service men who learned discipline the hard way and

know how to obey as well as give orders," Wilkes concluded.

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